



**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2019**  
**3rd Floor Jury Room, Courthouse Building**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Mission: The CJCC exists to promote the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.**

**1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission**

Commissioner Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Members present: Judge Mike Menahan, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, Chief Troy McGee, Suzanne Seburn, Christin Thennis, Captain Alan Hughes for Sheriff Leo Dutton, Leo Gallagher, Dennis Taylor, and Jenny Eck.

Members excused: Mayor James Schell.

Members absent: Justice Michael Swingley, Judge Bob Wood, and Sharon Tregidga.

Others in attendance included: Michael M. O'Neil, Mark Piskolich, Kiley Gage, Curt Chisholm, Commissioner Susan Good Geise, and Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks.

Staff in attendance: Gloria Soja and Kellie McBride.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved.

**3. Guest Presentation and Discussion – Housing is Healthcare – Michael O'Neil**

Michael O'Neil gave an overview of the Housing is Healthcare initiative. The project will begin with identifying a list of high-utilizers of system resources. Mr. O'Neil gave the example of an individual in Butte who cost the system over \$200,000 per year between social services, law enforcement, and emergency room visits, etc. Mr. O'Neil is seeking feedback from the CJCC on the types of data the Council would be interested in, and he shared that in Helena there will be a focus on high needs families as a unique challenge.

**4. Friendship Center Update – Jenny Eck**

Jenny Eck informed the Council that the Friendship Center is working with the County Attorney's office on a plan so that advocates can testify generally, but not be questioned specifically about the victim of record. Ms. Eck reported that they have not yet been affected by the federal government shutdown, but by March 2019 this would likely change. Ms. Eck also let the Council know that the Friendship Center would not be holding the Empty Bowls fundraiser this year, but assured the Council that this was due to strategic planning and that the organization was healthy.

**5. Western Montana Mental Health Center Update – Kellie McBride**

Kellie McBride reported that the CRT would be shifting from the hospital to Journey Home

and would be available to respond to scene. As of March 2019, Journey Home would be able to accept direct commits. Curt Chisholm suggested that law enforcement be provided training on admission criteria. Commissioner Susan Good Geise requested a report on the number of calls received by CRT per month.

**6. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride**

Kellie McBride reviewed the dashboard update, e-mailed prior to the meeting (and attached to these minutes). Ms. McBride informed the CJCC that the draft of the Standard Operating Procedures for the Pretrial Officers and the Pretrial Services Program had been completed and sent to Pretrial staff for review.

Ms. McBride also informed the Council of the changes to the ancillary services that the Pretrial Services Program was providing to clients. Pretrial Services would only be covering the cost of clients' first 30-days of personal breath tests, and would not longer be paying for GPS, SCRAM, or Soberlink devices.

**7. Citizens Advisory Council – Curt Chisholm**

Curt Chisholm advised the Council that the CAC had reviewed the jail statistics that Gloria Soja sent out from Pretrial Services and had requested that this report include the jail body count.

**8. Next Meeting: February 27, 2019**

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes approved as amended, February 27, 2019